

ABSTRACT

CARR-302

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. 66(69)

Littlestown, Pennsylvania vicinity

Public/private

1767 (reset 1902; broken off
after 1950; still near site)

Milestone No. 66(69) is an original monument of 1767 near its original site which marked Mason and Dixon's 66th horizontal mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line, the longest of their survey lines run and marked during their 1763-68 commission to define the boundary between the English provinces of Maryland and Pennsylvania. As with all original West Line monuments, this milestone was quarried and carved in England, of oolitic limestone, measured about 12" square by about 4' long, ^{cut to stand about 5' above ground} with the remainder left rough-cut as a base for setting into the ground. It is embellished with vertical fluting and horizontally-fluted margins on all four sides, capped by a low pyramidal top with fluted planes rising about 2" to a centered apex. The distinguishing features are the Roman capital letters P on the north side facing Pennsylvania and M on the south side facing Maryland, each V-sunk into a plain shallow circle panel. During the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, Milestone No. 66(69) was reset to stand about 2' above ground and surrounded below ground with a concrete collar. By ^{the field inspection} 1950/1950 the monument had been broken through at ground level but remained in place; by ^{the} 1980 field inspection, the monument was lying on the ground, presumably near the base (which could not be located); and by 1981 the monument was pushed upright by BSA Troop 970 ^{near the site} but not on the base. It is in good condition, unaltered, with most embellishments remaining clear and intact. When the base is found, and the monument repaired and reset, this milestone will again be significant on the federal and state levels as one of the series of 135 original monuments still standing along the West Line; and locally, as one of 18 original monuments marking the present Carroll/Adams county boundary (3 crownstones; 15 milestones), and visually representing an identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these two counties.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Survey No. CARR-302

Magi No.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)

HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) West Line, 66th Mile Stone.

AND/OR COMMON
Mason-Dixon Line: Milestone No. 66 (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 69)

2 LOCATION (not for publication)

STREET & NUMBER off south side of Line Road/T-453

CITY, TOWN Littlestown ☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
MD: 6 / PA: 19

STATE Pennsylvania

COUNTY
MD: Carroll / PA: Adams

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	N/A	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED		<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED		<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS		<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE		<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED		<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED		<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO		<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER state boundary marker

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

NAME State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION N/A

(see surrounding property ownership list)
COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE Carroll County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE CARR-302 entered 1/80

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN Annapolis

STATE
Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

—EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
 —FAIR

—DETERIORATED
 —RUINS
 —UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
 —ALTERED

CHECK ONE

—ORIGINAL SITE (not yet reestablished)
☒ MOVED DATE after 1950
 (broken off)

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

until sometime after the 1950 field inspection
 Milestone No. 66(69) is an original monument of 1767 and marked Mason and Dixon's 66th mile west of the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line. In place in 1950 and described as "foundation broken but solid" (Bayliff, 1959, p. 101); ^{in good condition, unaltered, but} it was found lying on the ground/
^{the base/foundation was not located} at the time of the 1979-82 field inspection. By a 9/21/82 reinspection, it had been stood upright, unsecured, at approximate site (original site not located) by BSA Troop 970 of Randallstown, MD.

The area here is open, rolling farmland, sparsely settled. The site is within Election District 3 of Carroll County, MD, Union Township of Adams County, PA; about 3½ miles southeast of the town of Littlestown; about 2½ miles northeast of Silver Run, MD; about 900' south of PA T-453 (Line Road), at a point about 50' (now about 35') west of the private lane leading through Matthias/^{tenant} property to Leister property, in the berm separating two unfenced cultivated fields and within sight of both/^{farm} houses. Upright, the monument can be seen from the lane but not the road, all seasons when not obscured by summer crops. The site has been visually lost, though the base is believed still in place.

As with all original Mason and Dixon West Line monuments, this milestone is an embellished oolitic limestone post with a low pyramidal top; was quarried and carved in England; measured about 12" square by about 4½' long, cut to stand about 3' above ground with the remainder left rough-cut as a base for setting into the ground. There is vertical fluting on all four sides, framed at the vertical edges by horizontally-fluted margins, with the fluting extending into the top planes, converging at a centered apex. The distinguishing features are the Roman capital letters P on the north side facing Pennsylvania and M on the south side facing Maryland, each V-sunk into a plain shallow circle panel. No. 66(69) ^{in its original site} was reset/in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, to (presumably) stand about 2' above ground, and surrounded below ground by a concrete collar. By the time of the 1950 field inspection of markers along the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary, the milestone was still in place "in generally good condition; foundation broken but solid...!" By the time of the 1979-82 field inspection of the markers along the West Line, the milestone was lying at the approximate site, in good condition, with most embellishments remaining and clear; measuring about 11½" square by about 2' long.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

(see Thematic Group NR nomination form for full descriptions of the original Mason and Dixon monuments and the 1900-03 Resurvey method of resetting them)

8 SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD****AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		boundary surveying

SPECIFIC DATES 1767 (reset 1902;
broken off after 1950)

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Charles Mason & Jeremiah Dixon
SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

broken off its base and
Although/no longer set at its original site, Milestone No. 66(69) is significant on the federal and state levels as one of a series of 135 original Mason and Dixon monuments remaining along their 230.228-mile West Line, the boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. The monument was set in 1767; was reset more securely in 1902 during the course of the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary; was cracked through at ground level by the time of the 1950 field inspection; was broken off and lying near its base by the time of the 1979-82 field inspection; and shoved upright though not set (nor original site found) by BSA Troop 970 in 1981, where it remains, in good condition,

awaiting an official resurvey reestablishing the original site and repair of the monument. When properly reset, this milestone will also be significant locally as one of 18 original monuments still marking the present Carroll/Adams county boundary (3 crownstones; 15 milestones), among the diminishing number of objects and structures with a visually identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these two counties.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acreQuadrangle name: Littlestown (Maryland-Pennsylvania), USGS 7.5 minute series (topographic), scale 1:24000UTM reference: zone 18, easting 32575, northing 439845

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY CarrollSTATE Pennsylvania COUNTY Adams**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason & Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

3/30/80 (site surveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

301/472-2128

CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

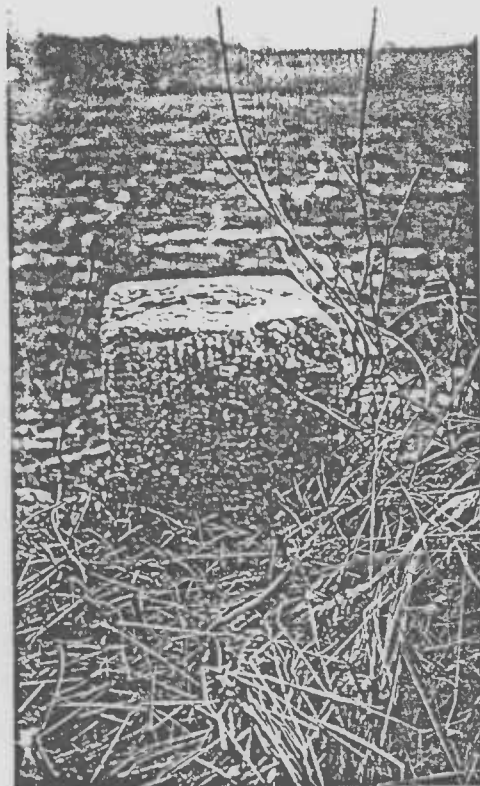
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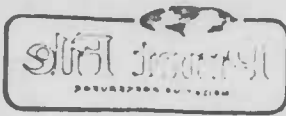
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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE BOUNDARY MARKER
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DATE 11-17-81
ASSIGNMENT
STYLE NO. 21-28



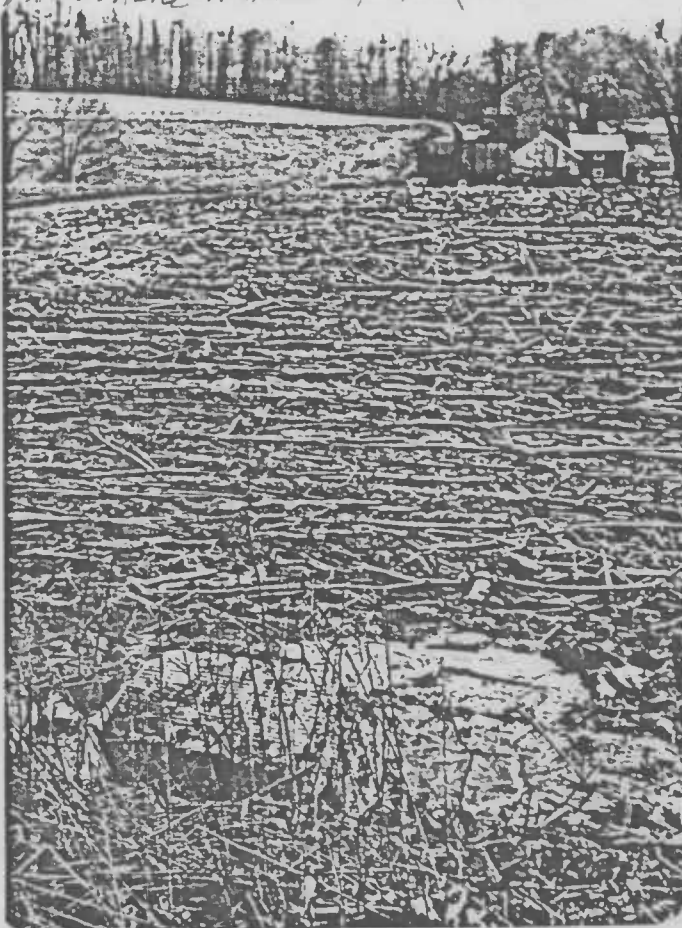
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MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 66 (69)

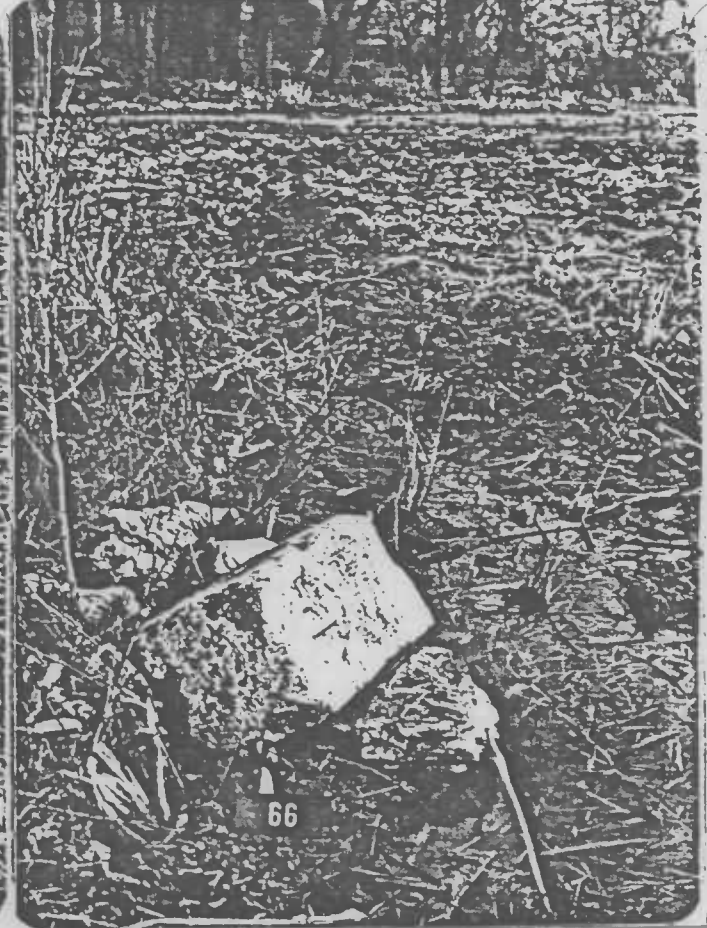
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VIEW EAST TOWARD PRIVATE HALL FARMHOUSE
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(11.10.82)

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MASON-DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE 66 (69)

LITTLESTOWN QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
1953 PHOTO REV. 1971 SCALE: 1" = 2000'

5663 IV SW
(HANOVER)



2°30'

790 000 FEET (MD.)

327

328

77°00'

39°45'



HANOVER 4 MI.
YORK 23 MI.

690 000 FEET
(MD.)

4399

4398

42°30'

4397



MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE NO. 66 (69)
NW CORNER (P/-), ORIGINAL (1767)

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MASON & DIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE 66 (69)
SW CORNER (-14) ORIGINAL (1767)

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